Under this scheme 90% capital subsidy would be provided for:

(i) Creation of Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone (REDB) with on 33/11KV (or 66/11KV) substation in every block appropriately linked to the State Transmission System.

(ii) Creation of Village Electricity Infrastructure (VEI) for electrification of all un-electrified villages/habitations with distribution transformer (s) in every village/habitation.

(iii) Decentralized Distributed Generation.(DDG) and supply system for conventional sources for Villages/Habitations where grid supply is not cost effective and where Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources would not be providing electricity through their programme(s).

The scheme provides for electrification of all un-electrified Below Poverty Line (BPL) households in the country free of charge.

The scheme covers the entire country and funds would be provided for electrification of un-electrified villages an un-electrified habitations.

This scheme merges the scheme of "Accelerated Electrification of one lakh villages and one crore households" under which there was a provision for about 40% capital subsidy for eligible projects. Under this scheme, based on the proposal submitted by the States of UP, Bihar, Rajasthan & West Bengal, 111 projects involving outlay of Rs. 4326 crore and covering Electrification of 54,159 villages and 23,45,412 rural households (including 18,29,823 BPL households), had been sanctioned by REC during the 2004-05.

**Merger of rural housing schemes with IAY**

†3695. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have merged the rural housing schemes with the Indira Awaas Yojana;

(b) if so, the norms set for the selection of beneficiaries under the scheme in Chhattisgarh State; and

(c) the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

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Small Schemes of Rural Housing such as Innovative Stream for Rural Housing & Habitat Development, the Rural Building Centres (RBCs) and the Samagra Awaas Yojana (SAY) have been discontinued and merged with the main scheme *i.e.* Indira Awaas Yojana with effect from 1.4.2004. The sub-schemes *i.e.* Upgradation of serviceable kutcha houses and Credit-cum-Subsidy schemes have also become a part of the Indira Awaas Yojana with effect from 1.4.2004. The selection of beneficiaries under the Indira Awaas Yojana is made from Below the Poverty Line (BPL) rural families with the approval of Gram Sabha. A minimium of 60% of the beneficiaries are selected from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. This criteria is applicable in all States including State of Chhattisgarh.

**Complaints of corruption in food for work scheme**

†3696. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of corruption in respect of food for work scheme; and

(b) the quantity of foodgrains and funds allotted to Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan under the said scheme in the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Complaints have been received regarding corruption/violation of the guidelines under the National Food for Work Programme. The same have been forwarded to the concerned State Governments for enquiry.

(b) During the year 2004-05, 36269 MT of foodgrains and Rs. 3532.69 lakh have been allocated to the identified districts of Rajasthan and 270779 MT of foodgrains and Rs. 26378.11 lakh have been allocated to the identified districts of Uttar Pradesh.

**Achievements of drought prone areas programme**

3697. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of Drought Prone Areas in each of the State;

(b) the total achievements of the Drought Prone Areas Programme in terms of overall productivity of land, vegetative cover and water table in these areas;

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